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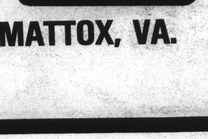

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

This is an important week for those facing the deadline for filing income tax reports. It is an important week for those anxious to get their gardens started. It is an important week for . . ., well come to think of it, every week is an important week.

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Spring flowers are in normal supply. The bulbs I had planted months ago are paying off. Wish I had more hyacinths. Lots of buds on shrubs and trees. Crabapple trees are in blooms. Dandelions, too. Have forgotten the date of the cherry blossom display in D.C. Worth seeing, but I will not be there this time. Spring festivals and civic activities are winning attention and Virginia hopes to have a big year in the field of travel.

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And another crop being cultivated . . . the voters. Candidates are in the field, fighting the weeds of indifference and scattering the seeds of public concern.

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Interest in public affairs is a "must" to make democracy work. And look at how much government costs us. And growing. I was reading that out of his own money, President George Washington paid his nephew to be his secretary.

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A few years ago people began thinking of the beach. I do not know which Virginia locality is the fastest growing, but I read that Virginia Beach has grown from 42,000 in 1950 to a current 255,700.

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Quoted from my note pad of things I read someplace . . . "Unexpected setbacks can cut the deepest; unexpected pleasures bring on greatest satisfaction."

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And there was the baseball umpire who hesitated to call a strike as he had heard so much about how much they cost the economy.

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Recently I mentioned in this column that it was a good idea to save school report cards and pictures and other remembrances from school days. They become valuable with the passing years. Mrs. Verna Conner called in to say that she still had some of her school reports and also had a copy of the speech she made as valedictorian of her class. Hurrah for her and I am sure it was a splendid speech and that her report cards were tops. She is a scholar and I am proud to have her as a reader, and friend.

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In passing, a wit remarked that the chicken is an unusual critter in that it can be eaten before it is born or after it is dead.

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April 12 is a date to remember. Fort Sumter was fired on April 12, 1861, starting the conflict that ended at Appomattox April 9, 1865.

Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard was the Confederate commanding officer.

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Other April anniversaries . . . April 13, 1743, Thomas Jefferson born; April 15, 1865, Abraham Lincoln dies. April 17, 1861, Virginia seceded from the Union. April 20, 1861, Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in U. S. Army. April 21, independence of Texas from Mexico established at San Jacinto in 1836.

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Days are getting longer, and is nice to arise early. Good logan: TGIT, Thank Goodness a TODAY. I have been etting up earlier, but not efore the birds who scamper round my bird feeder.

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Thanks for reading, and eeya next week.

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Preschool Registration Set For April 13-14

Preschool registration for children who will enter school in Sept., 1978 will be held at Appomattox Primary School and Pamplin Elem. School on Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14, 1978. You may register your child at the school in your attendance area on either date between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The following sections from the Code of Virginia are provided to give information regarding preschool physical examinations and age for admissions to kindergarten or first grade.

Preschool Physical Examinations - Before any child is admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or to any public elementary school such child must have a comprehensive physical examination of a scope to be prescribed by the State Department of Health, by a qualified licensed physician, who shall make a report of such examinaiton and at the end of such report shall summarize the abnormal physical findings, if any, and shall specifically state what, if any, conditions are found that would identify the child as handicapped. A copy of such report must be presented to the school on the child's behalf. Such report must indicate that the child has received such physical examination no earlier than twelve months prior to the date such child first enters a public kindergarten or public elementary school.

Age for Admission to School In September, 1978

Kindergarten - children may be admitted to the kindergarten program for 1978-79 who reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 31, 1978.

First Grade - children may be admitted to first grade for 1978-79 who have reached their sixth birthday on or before Dec. 31, 1978.

The form enclosed is for your use in reporting the results of the physical examination. The form should be completed and signed by the family physician. The examination report does not have to be presented on the date of registration. However, it should be submitted to the school at your earliest convenience and **not later than Sept. 1, 1978.**

The Appomattox County Health Dept. will provide the pre-school examination for children whose parents cannot pay for the examination by a private physician. Clinics will be scheduled later in the spring for this purpose and the dates will be publicized.

In addition to the physicial examination, the law requires that children be vaccinated prior to entering school to protect them from certain diseases. On the dates of preschool registration [April 13 and 14] personnel from the Appomattox County Health Department will be available to administer the vaccinations to those children whose parents desire this service. It will be necessary for the child, parent and/or legal guardian to be present for this service to be given.

To verify your child's age, it will be necessary for you to present, at the time of registration, a birth certificate.

Employment of personnel and development of plans for 1978-79 are based on the enrollment of school students. Therefore, it is very necessary that all children who are eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade next year who are not in school this year register on April 13 or 14. We shall appreciate your cooperation.

PUBLIC ROAD HEARING SET FOR APRIL 14

Notice has been given that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will meet with representatives of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation in public session in the Court House in Appomattox at 9 a.m. Friday, April 14.

The meeting shall be for the purpose of considering secondary road budget for the fiscal year 1978-79.

Views of county citizens will be heard and considered at this time.

Mrs. Walter Ferrell Newly Elected President - Appomattox County Historical Society

At the annual meeting of the Appomattox County Historical Society on April 10, newly elected officers were: President, Mrs. Walter Ferrell; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Webster Babcock; Secretary, Mr. Ronald Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret S. O'Brien.

Members elected to serve on the Executive Board are; Mrs. Anne Giles, Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Miss Harriette Chilton and Mr. Stuart Farrar. Other board members are Mr. Richard Simpson, Dr. C. G. O'Brien, Mr. Meryn Williamson, Mr. Richard Cartr, Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Babcock and Mr. Wilson.

Retiring officers are Mr. Wilson, President; Miss Edith O'Brien, Vice President; Miss Annie Hancock, Acting Treasurer; Mrs. Walter Ferrell, Secretary. Retiring board members are Miss O'Brien, Mr. Robert (Bob) Jamerson, Miss

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Pamplin School Principal Attended Seminar In Texas

Mrs. Barbara Waddell, principal at Pamplin Elementary School, was in Dallas, Texas, with more than 8000 elementary principals from across the nation to study the critical issues, knowledge and new technology confronting today's principals as they plan education programs for the future.

National educators addressed the group during the four-day meeting, April 1-5, built around the theme, "The Future Is Now."

Recognizing the demands placed on elementary principals by parents, community, state and federal sources, sessions were scheduled to provide how-to-do-it information on such topics as school closings, teaching gifted children, working with the handicapped, improving early childhood education, implementing minimal competency standards and enriching elementary guidance programs as well as improving the school's public image by working with parents and the community, and providing a positive school climate. Mrs. Waddell served as one of the eleven elected Virginia delegates to the Delegate Assembly and served as a consultant in the Consultant Center on April 2, 3 and 4.

Principals were provided the opportunity to keep abreast of innovation curriculum and organizational programs being implemented across the country in administrative skills workshops designed to broaden and sharpen their skills in such areas as determining parental priorities in school programs, ensuring family involvement in the communication system, and updating administrators in the critical legal areas of discipline, suspensions and expulsions and the principal's role as it relates to the new child abuse and neglect legislation.

46 EMERGENCY CALLS ANSWERED BY LOCAL RESCUE SQUAD IN MARCH

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 46 emergency calls during the month of March. Of the 46 calls, seven persons were monitored on the EKG Life Pak 5 en routc to a hospital and five persons were injured in five different automobile accidents.

In responding to the emergency calls, members expended a total of 208 manhours and travelled a total of 2090 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: bee sting, 1; falls, 2; transports by doctor request, 6; heart attacks, 6; overdose, 1; wrecks, 5; abdominal pains, 3; strokes, 4; broken bones, 4; child hit by car, 1; nose bleed, 1; maternity transports, 4; industrial accident, 1; fainting, 1; illness, 2; chest pains, 1; dead on arrival, 2; and breathing difficulty, 1.

In addition to answering the 46 emergency calls, members spent 12 and ¼ hours training in CPR.

SCS HAS NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE TO VIRGINIANS

"Virginians now have a new publication to tell them about plants valuable for conservation uses and environmental improvement," said Bob McClenny, District Conversationist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

The new publication, "Conservation Plants for the Northeast" describes 60 plants that are useful on disturbed areas; for stabilizing costal dunes or sandy inland areas; for providing wildlife food and cover; for growing hedges, windbreaks, and screens. Instructions on how to establish plants, their growth rates, site conditions, and climatic zones in which they grow are also included.

"One of the most useful aids in the booklet is the full color photographs," said McClenny. This makes use of the booklet easier to those who need assistance in identifying plants.

SCS personnel are available to assist you in selecting plant materials for conservation uses and environmental improvement. You can get a copy of "Conservation Plants for the Northeast" by contacting the SCS office at Appomattox.

WOW TO MEET APRIL 17

Camp 71 Woodmen of the World will have its regular initiation meeting at the Lodge Hall at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 17.

All members are urged to attend, especially officers and the team.

Several items of important business will be discussed at this meeting.

Council Approves Painting Of Water Storage Tank

Appomattox Town Council, at its Monday night meeting, gave Dr. Jim May of Mary-Hines Consultants authority to tell Flippo Company that the Town of Appomattox wants them to go ahead with the painting of the newly erected water storage tank but to reserve the right to water test the tank before the one-year warranty is up.

Flippo Company was granted a 30-day extension to complete the project.

Dr. May, realizing that water is not available at the site to water test the tank, advised council to go ahead with the painting of the tank to prevent further rusting. He informed council that he felt the paint would not be damaged when the water test could be done at a later date.

This project must be completed before the Town of Appomattox can apply for federal funds to put in the water line to the tank.

"Picky" Williams and Mrs. Peggy Lawson, representing the Boosters Club, appeared before council to ask for financial assistance in upgrading recreational programs in Appomattox. They were especially interested in tennis courts at the high school as these two courts are the only public courts available in the town and county. They are in need of treating as only asphalt paving is on the courts at this time. Lights for night play and additional courts are included in a long range plan.

Council took no action on this matter at this time. Within the next two weeks a meeting will be held at which time 100% and some 50% grants for recreation may become available and council felt it would be wise to look into this before proceeding with plans.

In other business, council approved the updated Ordinance amending the Intoxication While Driving a Vehicle law.

W. R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager and Appomattox Coordinator of Emergency Services was given permission by council to attend an Emergency Services School in Michigan June 3 through June 18, 1978.

The handling of the Town Ball Park was discussed and council gave Mr. Britton authority to take over this project. The Youth Program will have priority in using the ballfield and thereafter it will be let out on a first come first served basis.

Some maintenance will be required to get the ball field in playing condition as the local Jaycees really left a "mess" following a rodeo they sponsored some time ago. Some grading will be done but the town does not plan to spend much money at this time on this facility.

At a request from the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department, council agreed to purchase five monitoring systems for firemen and will request that the county pay half of the cost for this equipment.

ACHS Senior Receives Army ROTC Scholarship

David Berlin Eye

David Berlin Eye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eye of Morton Lane, Appomattox, is the recipient of the Army ROTC Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to young men who are planing to enter Army ROTC as college freshmen. The scholarships pays for college tuition, textbooks, laboratory fees and other purely academic expenses. Scholarship cadets receive a subsistence allowance of $100.-00 a month for up to ten months of each school year. Adding the pay earned during the six-week advanced camp at the end of the junior year, the national average of a four-year scholarship is worth between $10,000 and $33,000, depending on the college and major selected.

David will accept a commission and serve on active duty for at least four years. Winners were selected on the basis of College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test results, high school academic record, extracurricular, leadership and athletic activities and personal interviews. At the close of the application period, a board of officers selected the most highly qualified applicants on a regional level. The board then sent the names and records of those considered best qualified to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command where final selections were made at the national level. Scholastic standing, leadership ability and motivation are among the key factors in the selection system.

David will attend the College of William and Mary this fall. He will be a pre-medical major.

Congratulations are extended to David, his parents and the school system for this outstanding scholarship.

Gladstone Rescue Squad Sets Fund Drive Month

Volunteer members of the Gladstone Rescue Squad will conduct their Annual Fund Drive beginning April 15 and will continue through May 15.

The goal for the year has been set at $10,000 for the Fund Drive.

When a volunteer member knocks on your door, please give to this worthy organization.

Daniel Says Retention Of Lynchburg Weather Station Essential

WASHINGTON - Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel told a House Science and Technology Subcommittee today that retention of the Lynchburg weather station is essential if that portion of the state is to receive adequate weather coverage.

He called instead for the station to be opened on a 24-hour-a-day basis and said the National Weather Service within recent months was itself making inquiries in that direction.

Daniel charged that the decision to close the station is "ill-advised" and questioned the ability of the National Weather Service to provide weather information by "remote control" from Roanoke and Washington. He said officials of the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administraiton say that personnel at both Roanoke and Washington are overworked but are prepared to put more work on them. "They further tell us", Daniel said, "that telephone information can be obtained from Roanoke, in cases where direct contact is necessary, but also admit that personnel at Roanoke have been told that answering the telephone should be given a low priority among total responsibilities in that office."

The Congressman told the Subcommittee that apparently the Federal Aviation Administration was not queried before the decision was made, even though it is admitted that FAA will have to pick up some of the work now done by the weather station.

The Congressman said the proposed savings of $77,000 annually has been seriously questioned and asserted that it is false economy to deprive the public of badly needed service. He said the three key factors in questioning the decision are safety, jobs and cost.

On the matter of safety, he pointed out that weather conditions at Lynchburg frequently are quite different from those at Roanoke, Richmond and Charlottesville and said an area as large as the section served by the Lynchburg station should not be left

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Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Mr. Fred Poetsch with Meredith/Burda, Inc. of Lynchburg will be in charge of the program for the evening. He will show up-to-date slides on the operation at Meredith/Burda.

All members will want to be present for this interesting and informative program.

Members of the Lions Club would like to thank all citizens of Appomattox County who donated to the White Cane Days project held Friday night and all day Saturday and thanks to the faithful members who came out and gave of their time to help with this project. The club exceeded its goal set for the White Cane Day, in fact this was the best ever.

If you know of persons who are in need of eye glasses, leader-dogs, eye transplants, or assistance with sight conservation, please contact any member of the Appomattox Lions Club. Sight conservation is the main project sponsored by this club and they would like to be of help if at all possible.

SCOUT FUND DRIVE HITS 85%

Lloyd Walton and Watt Abbitt report that the Lions Club Drive to raise $2200.00 to support the Blue Ridge Mountains Council Scouting Program has reached the 85% mark with $1870.15 raised to date. Lloyd and Watt are very pleased with the progress of the campaign to date. They indicate that only $329.85 is needed to reach the goal. Anyone who has not been contracted but would like to contribute to the drive is asked to send their donation to Lloyd or Watt. Horace Coleman reports that the Pamplin Drive is just underway. They have raised $55.00 to date on a goal of $300.00 or 18.3%. Horace expects the drive will be in full swing this week. Funds raised in the drive are used to support Appomattox County Scouts and their leaders by providing the services or a professional staff, office services, training and activities, summer camping facilities, and program materials.

The Madisonians To Appear In Concert

The Madisonians, the dynamic vocal and instrumental jazz group from James Madison University, will be playing at The Appomattox High School auditorium on April 14 at 8 p.m. This outstanding group of young entertainers is brought to you by The Appomattox Lions Club. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $2.00.

First organized in 1973, the Madisonians have earned the reputation of being one of the top collegiate musical groups in Virginia. Various schools and service organizations have sponsored performances throughout the state and on television. Featured are 16 singers and the 22 piece JMU Jazz Ensemble. The group travels throughout the state and Southern region performikng a high caliber musical show with a range of music from old jazz standards to nostalgia medleys and the latest hits. They have been received enthusiastically on tours throughout Northern Virginia and the Tidewater area, at the Roanoke Civic Center, in Pennyivania and as far south as AStlanta, Ga. This year the group has been invited to perform at the National Convention of Jazz Educators in Dallas, Texas and at the American Choral Directors Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The James Madison University Jazz Ensemble is in its 7th year as a credited performance ensemble of the JMU Department of Music. It has performed concerts and clinics across the state and also in Maryland and New Jersey. It has participated for three years in the Glassboro (NJ) State College Jazz Festival and has received superior ratings from such outstanding jazz artists as Clark Terry, Manny Albam, Lew Soloff, Ernie Wilkins and Clem de Rosa. In 1977 the Jazz Ensemble was invited to perform at the Newport Jazz Festival in Nice, France. About the band, Clark Terry commented: "A fine band; clean ensemble," Chris Wood (lead alto with Clark Terry): "super, beautiful, just magnificent," Tommy Newsom (Tonight Show): "a solid, swinging band."

One of the things that makes the Madisonians show unique is the improvisational nature of their music. The creative abilities of each member are tapped as they are called upon to improvise, or compose music on the spot - the essence of jazz. But perhaps the greatest characteristic of the Madisonians is the outstanding quality of their music and the enthusiasm and professionalism of their performance. Don't miss the opportunity to bring your family to an exciting event of entertainment by the Madisonians. Sponsored by The Appomattox Lions Club.